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SUBJECT: RUMORED RETIREMENT OF BURMESE AMBASSADOR

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1. A USUALLY RELIABLE ARMY SOURCE WITH ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON ASSIGNMENTS OF SENIOR OFFICERS HAS STATED THAT AMBASSADOR U LWIN AND FOUR OTHER EX-MILITARY AMBASSADORS ARE BEING RECALLED FROM ABROAD. THEIR REPLACEMENTS ARE ALSO MILITARY OR EX-MILITARY OFFICERS. THE RECALL, IF CONFIRMED, COULD BE OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, IN AS YET UNFORESEEABLE WAYS. THE AMBASSADORS REPORTEDLY RETURNING INCLUDE EX-BRIGS. AUNG SHWE AND MAUNG MAUNG, POTENTIAL RIVALS OF NE WIN PRUGED IN 1961, AND EX-COLS. HLA MAW AND THEIN DOKE, BOTH OF WHOM WERE IDENTIFIED WITH RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PURGED IN MIDSIXTIES. MAUNG MAUNG, NOW AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA, MAY STILL HAVE POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

2. DR. NYI NYI HAS TOLD FRIENDS HE IS SEEKING AN AMBASSADORSHIP IN AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY, AND WAS GIVEN SOME REASON TO HOPE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON AND/OR NEW YORK. HIS CHANCES FOR AN AMBASSADORSHIP SEEM FAIRLY GOOD, BUT SINCE BROTHER

IS A U.S. CITIZEN WE ARE SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL THAT HE WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE U.S.

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